

Weekly Careers Newsletter

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It's never too early to start considering your future career directions. Many students often feel lost about what they would like to study and many feel like they don't know where to start.

There are many things to consider-

Complete Year 12 or leave school early?
Vocational or higher education?
Have a gap year or go straight into further study?
Can I afford to move away if I can't study locally?

For students and their families who haven't been to a university or TAFE information session, there are even more questions-

Where can I study the course I am interested in?
How do I choose between several courses across
How much will my course cost?
How do I find out about scholarships?
What if I don't obtain the ATAR I need?
What is university and TAFE actually like?

These decisions can be difficult to make, and then you have the added pressure of focusing on your studies and other commitments like sport, hobbies and employment.

Not only can it be tough for students, but also for families!

Where do we access information?
How do we best support our child?
How can we afford the costs associated with further
Will Youth Allowance be available?

Apart from meeting with your career adviser early in the year, it is a great idea to attend information sessions run by vocational and university institutions. Many run focus days and information seminars throughout the year, and most run Open Days in August and September.

By attending information sessions, you and your family will be able to do the following:

- Speak directly to current students and lecturers about the courses you are interested in.
- Look around the campus and get a feel for the culture of the institution (e.g., does it have a modern or traditional feel? Do you think it would be easy to meet people? Would you prefer to study at a small or large campus?).
- Learn about scholarships, course costs, government fee assistance, global exchange programs and accommodation options.
- Ask about alternative pathway programs available in case you don't get the ATAR you need for your course.
- Attend workshops and sessions on the courses you are interested in and compare facilities and student services between institutions.

Attending information sessions will assist you in setting new career goals or firming up ideas you already have. Having a course or courses in mind can also assist you in feeling more motivated to work hard at school.



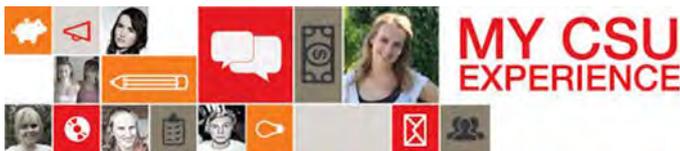
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Information sessions are usually free and you may have to register. Start to map out session dates on a calendar and pick the ones you will be able to attend. Here are some tertiary information session dates to get you started:

Charles Sturt University- 'MyDay' seminars:

MyDays showcase over 40 courses. April events include Medical Radiation Science, Teaching, Creative Arts, and Nursing. For more information and to register, www.csu.edu.au/go/myday



Monash University- 'Inside Monash' seminars.

These events showcase different faculties within the University. The seminars run over several months and students have to book in advance. The following seminars are running in March:

- 7: Arts
- 8: Business
- 9: Science
- 28: Pharmacy

For more information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

Melbourne University – 'Meet Melbourne':

Representatives from the University will be visiting several regional locations to advise students and parents about courses, career outcomes, housing options, scholarships and student services. They will also provide advice on unique opportunities to enrich a University of Melbourne degree such as studying a concurrent diploma and going on exchange. Events are being held at the following locations in March and April:

- Tuesday 14 March: Bendigo
- Wednesday 22 March: Geelong

For more information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2lzP67x>

La Trobe University - 'Experience La Trobe':

These events are designed especially for future students to get a taste of what it's like to be a La Trobe student for a day. You will be able to: chat with staff and students, participate in structured workshops focused on your desired career/course and talk to student ambassadors about studying at La Trobe. Parents are welcome. Upcoming dates are as follows:

- Melbourne – 7 April and 6 July

For more information and to book your workshops, please go to <http://bit.ly/1Rilhxz>

Interested in nursing?

The Australian College of Nursing is hosting a Nursing and Health Expo on Saturday 29 April at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre between 8.30am – 1.30pm. You will be able to:

- Meet a range of nursing and health organisations
- Explore career pathways
- Find out about educational opportunities

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2kYnxS9>



A Day at Melbourne University:

This event is being held on Friday 7 April. You will learn about:

- Undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways at Melbourne
- Admissions and entry requirements
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options
- How parents can help with the transition to university.

You will also be able to participate in a session focusing on the course you are interested in. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2lzP67x>

DO YOU HAVE TO SIT THE UMAT?

Applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health, or Optometry?

If are applying for any of these health science courses, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT).

This is a three-part test that you sit in July 2017 and selected universities use your UMAT score as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and in some cases an interview.

You will be tested on the following- logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non-verbal reasoning.

You will only have one chance to sit the UMAT this year - the test will be held **Wednesday 26 July**. You must be in Year 12 and you must register online to sit the test by **5pm 2 June**.

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – www.nie.edu.au/ and www.medentry.edu.au/ are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UMAT **do not endorse any of these companies** and you will receive free preparation materials once you register for the test (registration is now open).

Please go to <http://umat.acer.edu.au/> for more information about the UMAT and to see if you have to sit the test. You can also join the ACER UMAT Facebook page to keep up to date with key information, <http://on.fb.me/1JTvUsf>



VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in Engineering?

Engineers Australia has a fantastic Facebook site that students can join. You will be able to keep up to date with developments in Australian and global engineering, conferences and information sessions, and gain ideas about different occupations in engineering, <http://on.fb.me/1ohteLC>

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Casual employment:

You can sign up for employment at the following websites:

Coles, www.colescareers.com.au/
KFC, http://bit.ly/1kOrqrJ
Hungry Jacks, www.hungryjacks.com.au/
Sportsgirl, www.sportsgirl.com.au/get-a-job
Woolworths, www.wowcareers.com.au/
Muffin Break, http://bit.ly/1Q63Sq7
Kmart, www.kmart.com.au/jobs
Target, www.target.com.au/company/careers
Myer, www.myer.com.au/careers/
Red Rooster, www.redrooster.com.au/careers
Sussan, www.sussan.com.au/
McDonald's, http://bit.ly/1Bmfpeo
Bunnings, www.bunnings.com.au/join-our-team
Donut King, http://www.donutking.com.au/
Boost, www.boostjuice.com.au/boost-jobs

About 80% of all job vacancies aren't advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter. Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

For excellent job seeking tips, check out the resources at Youth Central and speak to your Career Adviser- www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/



What type of engineering would you be suited to?

RMIT has developed a quiz to assist you to discover what type of engineering you would be suited to study (e.g., civil, mechanical, chemical). You can take the test here - <http://bit.ly/1PVPOU4>

Victoria Police Internship:

Law students at Victoria University have access to a 10-week internship with the Legal Services Department and Prosecutions Division of Victoria Police. A small number of students will be selected each year to undertake placements in a variety of police specialist areas including:

- Melbourne Prosecutions Unit
- Research and Training Unit
- Civil Advocacy Unit
- Commissions and Inquiries Division, and
- Police Coronial Support Unit

High achieving Year 12 students who receive a place in a law course at the University may be eligible for the Chancellor’s Scholarship, which is valued at \$20 000 over four years. For more information on the Law program at VU, go to <http://bit.ly/1UC4dEL>

Short courses in arts at RMIT:

RMIT offers an array of short and single courses taught by experienced lecturers and established artists. Courses include photography, drawing, lithography, sculpture, jewellery, casting, and molding etc. RMIT also offer folio preparation courses for VCE students. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/1ohtDOF>



Lattitude Global Volunteering: Applications are now open for gap year placements in countries such as:

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| • Poland | • Canada |
| • United Kingdom | • China |
| • Japan | • Ghana |
| • Argentina | • Fiji |
| • Vanuatu | • Malawi |

For information and to download the registration form, go to www.lattitude.org.au/

What is studying science at Monash University like?

Monash has developed a series of videos to enable prospective students to hear from academics and learn about their stories and passions. To access the clips, go to <http://bit.ly/1QBMmdw>

Army, Navy and Air Force Gap Year:

The Australian Defence Force Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year in the Army, Navy or Air Force.

You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage. There are a variety of roles available to apply for. Applications will open in March for current Year 12 students and you can register your interest now. For more information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/244jYe0>



Careers in the Defence Force:

There are many occupations in the Defence Force that you may be suited to. Your ability to apply for the occupation of your choice will be effected by your level of education, the subjects you have studied at school, your age, and your gender.

To narrow down which occupations you can apply for, use the Defence Force “Job Finder”. You just enter your personal details and select your general career interest areas and a list of jobs will be generated. Go to www.defencejobs.gov.au/

Careers in the automotive industry:

Know you want to work in the auto industry, but not sure which occupation would suit you best? The Auto Skills Australia website has information about various automotive occupations. Go to <http://bit.ly/1UXnW1V>

Work in Spain for a year!

Thinking of taking a gap year? Through the Conversation Assistance Program run by Home to Home, you will be able to live in Spain for 9 months, working at a school assisting students and teachers to improve their English skills. You must be 18, have completed Year 12 and you don’t have to speak Spanish. For more information, go to www.hometohome.es/

Do you love working with computers, science and solving problems?

Have you considered studying data science? In our day and age we are using and storing massive amounts of data and this will only increase in the future. Data science fundamentally deals with how we will store and analyse data in the future.

The following has been taken from the Swinburne University website: "Data science is an opportunity to explore new kinds of data and new tools for processing it. You'll learn how to manipulate and process data in order to extract information and establish truths. Data science spans the use and processing of data across diverse fields, including modelling for supercomputing or astrophysics. Or you could work with metadata, a field that will require data to be processed in ways we've never even considered".

Data Science is an exciting study area and there will be many jobs available in the future.

You may consider studying data science at the following Victorian universities

- Bachelor of Computer Science (major in Data Science), Swinburne University, <http://bit.ly/1Wmeaa1>
- Bachelor of Computer Science (major in Big Data), RMIT, <http://bit.ly/1QC3X56>
- Bachelor of Computer Science (major in Data Science), Monash University, <http://bit.ly/1Srck9f>
- Bachelor of Computer Science (major in Data Science, Deakin University, <http://bit.ly/1RErabC>

To explore career options, go to the Careers with Code website, <http://careerswithcode.com.au/>

Science news:

Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RiAUS – Australia’s Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- Learn about parasites with Alanta Colley
- Share science stories on your social media
- Ultimate Careers tool – free!

Access the stories at this link - <http://bit.ly/2kmL0ue>

Headmasters: is a private College in Melbourne. The Institute offers students the opportunity to begin their careers in the dynamic and creative world of Hair, Beauty, Fashion and Make-up with intensive hands-on practical training. For information on courses and to book a campus tour, go to <http://bit.ly/2lzXVOS>



Immerse yourself in medicine at Monash through virtual reality (VR): Have you always wanted to visit the Monash campus, but haven't had a chance? Take the opportunity to learn more about Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash through 360° video. Look over our students' shoulders as they work in the labs or attend a lecture. If you would like to truly immerse yourself in the virtual reality experience, be one of the first 200 to get in touch and receive one of our exclusive Monash Cardboards to enhance the VR experience. For more information and to request your Monash Cardboards, please visit <http://bit.ly/2IGI8ub>

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- **25: TVSA Pilot Training Open Day:** Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, <http://bit.ly/2jSGYJl>
- **22: Tuckwell Scholarship Roadshow,** Australia National University, Albury, <http://bit.ly/2l938g2>

MARCH

- **7 – 28: Inside Monash Seminars,** Monash University, Arts (7), Business (8), Science (9), Pharmacy (28), <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>
- **11: Blue Mountains Hotel School Open Day:** Leura, NSW campus, <http://bit.ly/1MFVHTf>
- **14, 22: Meet Melbourne,** Melbourne University Parkville campus, Bendigo (14), Geelong (22), <http://bit.ly/2lec1Sd>